

Boxing Gets Close Check From State

By VINCENT THOMAS
Assemblyman, 68th District
Next to horseracing, the ancient sport of pugilism, sometimes called "the art of fist-fights" by its devotees, or plain boxing by sportswriters, is probably the most governmentally regulated contest in the world. This regulation first came about because of the commercial aspects of professional prizefighting, but was

later extended to include physical safety of the boxers themselves.
Our first California Legislature in 1850 banned boxing as brutal and degrading. The sport went underground and stayed that way until 1924. There is conclusive evidence that many prizefights, some of them regarded as of national interest, were staged in the state during the 75-year ban. However during this period,

thirty other states legalized boxing, and the pressure to do so in California mounted.
In 1924 an initiative measure was qualified for the ballot, legalizing both boxing and wrestling, and establishing the state athletic commission to regulate them, and to license participants in any phase of the contests. This passed in November of that year by a substantial margin.

Over the years, our California system of regulation and supervision has achieved a good reputation for its effectiveness. The nationally publicized death earlier this year of a New York boxer who had taken a considerable trouncing in the ring again threw a spotlight on the dangers of the sport to boxers. As a result, an Assembly resolution was adopted during our recent sessions, calling for an interim

study of whether or not legislative or regulatory changes in the interests of greater safety are required.

THE ASSEMBLY committee on governmental efficiency and economy recently held a two-day hearing on our California situation, and the problems needing correction.
The group was told that under present regulations, every boxer is required to have a complete physical examination before entering the ring. If an injury is found, he may be barred from a particular fight for a period of time, or permanently, as circumstances

necessitate. A commission approved physician must attend every bout, and has full authority to stop any fight if he believes the condition of either fighter demands it.

IN THE MORE than 9,000 boxing programs which have been authorized since 1938, nine fighters have died as the result of ring injuries. The committee was told that insurance companies rate boxing as the seventh most dangerous sport in this country. Football, skin diving, and wrestling are some sports considered to be more hazardous.

athletic commission said that his agency does not have enough state funds to pay physicians and referees. This makes it difficult for the commission to regulate safety conditions for boxers as closely as might be desirable. He added that the boxing clubs do not have sufficient funds of their own to provide added precautions, such as two ring-side physicians instead of one, and emergency oxygen supplies.

OTHER ASPECTS of boxing also were reviewed at the hearing. The part taken by managers of individual fight-

ers in the conduct of the sport was discussed at some length. The necessity of eliminating any remaining "criminal elements" from the sport was also emphasized.
Another spokesman for the athletic commission recommended that so-called "hidden managers" be exposed legally. It was suggested that the law be changed to make punishable by law any false statements by managers as to gross earnings of their boxers, and as to expenses paid from those earnings. Such statements should, it was said, correctly identify individuals to whom any "expenses" are paid, and the amounts of payment.

WE GIVE BLUE CHIP STAMPS

THURS., FRI., SAT., MAY 31 JUNE 1-2-3

Thriftmart FROZEN FOOD SALE

SUNSHINE STATE FROZEN

ORANGE JUICE

6-oz. TINS **\$1.00**

FROZEN BEEF, CHICKEN OR TURKEY BIRDS EYE DINNERS ... 2 11-oz. Pkgs. **\$1.00**

KHJ RADIO 93-NEWS HOUR

COUNTY FAIR FROZEN

FRUIT PIES

24-oz. SIZE **29c**

FROZEN DESSERTS

SARA LEE'S

ALL BUTTER

COFFEE CAKE
APPLE SPICE CAKE
BANANA CAKE
CHOCOLATE CAKE
BROWNIES **69c**

FROZEN BEEF, CHICKEN or TURKEY BANQUET MEAT PIES 8-oz. PKG. **15c**

EVERFRESH FROZEN

BABY LIMA BEANS, BRUSSEL SPROUTS, CAULIFLOWER, MIXED VEGETABLES OR FRENCH GREEN BEANS

REG. SIZE PKGS. YOUR CHOICE **\$1.00**

Sunny Valley Local Grade "A" FRESH LARGE EGGS 1-DOZ. CTN. **33c**

WEBER'S WHITE BREAD REG. 31c LOAF **25c**

SHASTA, Reg. & Low Calorie POP... 12 12-oz. CANS **\$1.00**

U.S.D.A. GRADED "CHOICE"

CHUCK ROAST

BLADE CUT **39c** lb.

ROUND BONE ROAST **49c** lb.

FRESH LEAN GROUND CHUCK **49c** lb.

GROUND BEEF **39c** lb.

HORMEL SLICED MIDWEST BACON **55c**

HORMEL SLICED Range Brand BACON 2-lb. Pkg. **\$1.05**

CAMPS FROZEN BROILER STEAKS 3 7-oz. Pkgs. **\$1.00**

CAMPS FROZEN Laminated STEAKS 3 4-oz. Pkgs. **87c**

CORNED BEEF BONELESS BRISKET **59c** lb.

FRESH HALIBUT SLICED **65c** lb.

Four Fishermen FISH STICKS FROZEN 8-oz. Pkg. **33c**

BREADED SHRIMP Mrs. Friday's 1 1/2-lb. Pkg. **\$1.59**

BIRDS EYE SPECIALS

PEAS, CORN, CHOPPED SPINACH, BUTTER BEANS, PEAS & CARROTS Crinkle Cut or French Fried Potatoes **6 \$1.00**

Reg. Size PKGS. YOUR CHOICE



U.S.D.A. CHOICE

BONELESS CHUCK ROAST

CLOD & CHUCK ROAST... **79c** lb.

LEAN STEW BEEF... **79c** lb.

FAMILY STEAKS... **89c** lb.

Boneless SMOKED Lean PICNICS SLICES **79c** lb.

WHOLE OR PART **59c** lb.

FRESH COACHELLA VALLEY

CORN ON THE COB

5c EAR

Kentucky Wonder Green Beans **19c** lb.

LARGE Valencia Oranges **10c** lb.

FEATURING VAN DE KAMP'S BAKERIES

Kentucky Distillers Kentucky Straight Bourbon 4 YRS. OLD 4 1/2 QT. **\$2.00**

SILVER CLUB GIN 4 1/2 QT. **\$2.00**

OREGON'S FINEST TILLAMOOK CHEESE... **69c** POUND

JANE ANDERSON CORN—PKG. OF 12 TORTILLAS... **15c**

HOFFMAN SLICED HOLLAND HAM... 5-oz. Pkg. **59c**

BAR-NONE TOSSED GREEN SPANISH COLE SLAW CUCUMBER & ONION SALADS 3 16-oz. CTNS **\$1.00**



JERSEYMAID CATERING

ICE CREAM

HALF GALLON **59c**

Church PTF To Install New Slate

The Parent - Teacher - Fellowship of the Western Avenue Baptist Elementary School will have their annual installation banquet on Friday evening at 6:30.
Mrs. Vern Baergen, president, has announced that the guest speaker will be Dr. Fred Judson, minister of Trinity Baptist Church in Santa Monica, who is a noted preacher and speaker.
The Rev. Charles T. Hughes, pastor of Western Avenue Baptist Church, will entertain with baritone selections. Mrs. Hughes will install the new officers for the 1962-63 period.
The catered dinner will be served by the King's Men of Western Avenue Baptist Church, Robert Freeland in charge.

THE HERALD
Member of National Editorial Association, Calif. Newspaper Publisher Assn., LA Suburban Newspapers, Inc. Verified Audit Circulation Represented Nationally by The Rient Co.
Publication office and plant, 1619 Gramercy Ave., Torrance, Calif. Published Semi-weekly, Thursday and Sunday by King Williams Press, Inc.
King Williams Glenn W. Pfeil Co-Publishers
Reid L. Bundy—Managing Editor
Doug Anderson—Display Adv. Mgr.
Darrell Westcott—Circulation Mgr.
Chas. R. Thomas—Mechanical Supt.
Adjudicated a legal Newspaper by Superior Court, Los Angeles County, Adjudicated Decree No. 218470, March 30, 1927.
SUBSCRIPTION RATES: By Carrier, 50c a month, Mail subscriptions \$3.00 a year. Circulation office FA 8-4000.

THOMASIAN

A SUPERIOR CANDIDATE

THOMASIAN

FOR SUPERIOR COURT

Office No. 47

Judge of the Superior Court Office No. 47 Vote for One

HAROLD THOMASIAN Attorney at Law

ENDORSED BY

- Lawyers Groups
- Labor Councils
- Veterans Associations
- Republican Groups
- Democrat Committees

THOMASIAN

HAROLD THOMASIAN prior to establishing a successful law practice worked his way thru school as a laborer, salesman, and dock worker. Harold Thomasian combines JUSTICE WITH UNDERSTANDING

THOMASIAN

Political ad paid by CITIZENS FOR THOMASIAN 21186 Hawthorne, Torrance, Calif.